

**MINUTES
COLUMBUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
JANUARY 23, 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2nd FLOOR, CITY HALL
123 WASHINGTON STREET
COLUMBUS, INDIANA**

Members Present: Mary Ferdon, Chair; Karen Dugan, Secretary; Lou Marr, Dave Bonnell

Staff Present: Laura Thayer, Assistant Planning Director; Marcus Hurley, Associate Planner; Alan Whitted, City Attorney; Stephanie Carr and Brian Thompson, Code Enforcement

Ms. Ferdon opened the meeting with a brief explanation about the Board and its responsibilities.

Proof of advertising for all cases was confirmed. The petitions and staff comments are a permanent record at the Planning Department.

Mr. Whitted, Deputy City Attorney, administered the oath to all in attendance that would be speaking.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Marr made a motion for Ms. Ferdon to be elected Chair, Ms. Marr Vice Chair and Ms. Dugan Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonnell. Motion was approved 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING:

C/DS-06-12: (Greyhawk Properties, LLC)

Greyhawk Properties is a request by Greyhawk Properties, LLC for a development standards variance from the requirement to build sidewalks along all street frontages. The property is located in the B-4 (Highway Business) district at 1675 National Road in the City of Columbus.

Mr. Hurley began by stating that the petitioner Jeff Marshall had submitted a memo, asking that the Board withdraw their petition for **C/DS-06-12**.

Mr. Dugan made a motion to accept their request to withdraw the petition which was seconded by Ms. Ferdon.

The motion was granted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING:

C/DS-06-14: (Greyhawk Properties, LLC)

Greyhawk Properties is a request by Greyhawk Properties, LLC for a developmental standards variance to allow three signs to be larger than permitted. The property is located in the B-4 (Highway Business) district at 1675 National Road in the City of Columbus.

Mr. Hurley summarized the background information and introduced staff's provisional findings of fact.

A visual presentation including photos of the property, and aerial illustration, and a photo of the public notice sign was given.

The petitioners, Jeff Marshall and Jim Cook, stated their names and addresses for the record.

Mr. Marshall reviewed the provisions of the ordinance and addressed the criteria that had not been met according to staff's provisional findings of fact.

Mr. Cook stated that they were requesting a new sign instead of trying to use the old sign that already existed.

Mr. Marshall said that the current sign effects visibility.

Ms. Ferdon opened the meeting to the public.

There was no public comment; the meeting was closed to the public.

Mr. Cook said that this is the only freestanding sign proposed at the site.

Mr. Bonnell made a motion to approve **C/DS-06-14** to allow three tenant signs to be larger than permitted with the condition that no other freestanding signage shall be placed on this property.

Ms. Marr seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-1. Ms. Dugan represented the dissenting vote.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following findings of fact were presented to the Board for consideration.

C/DS-06-07: Kevin Thompson

Ms. Marr made a motion to accept the findings of fact.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dugan. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bonnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 28, 2006 meeting as presented.

Ms. Ferdon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ferdon, Chair

Karen Dugan, Secretary